NRD Permitting Update

LRBOI NRD remains committed to protecting the Tribe's right to hunt, fish, and gather, even during these uncertain times. To that end, the Department has made the following adjustments to our permitting procedures. These adjustments will allow us to continue our harvesting activities during the current office closure.

TURKEY TAGS:

Many of our members have already received their turkey tags for the Spring hunting season. However, if you still need to get your tags, please email Bob Sanders, Wildlife Division Manager, at robertsanders@lrboi-nsn.gov. He can arrange a time by appointment to issue you your turkey tags.

DEER TAGS:

Deer season is currently closed. However, in emergency situations, Special Use tags can be issued. If you feel you or your family may be facing an emergency, please contact Frank Beaver, NRD Director, at williambeaver@lrboi-nsn.gov and we can discuss your situation at that time.

SPEARING PERMITS:

Most fish spearing does not require a permit. Other than a couple of notable exceptions below, all that is required is a valid Tribal ID. All spearing does however require **harvest reporting**. Since NRD can't issue reporting forms right now, please contact Frank Beaver, NRD Director, at <u>williambeaver@lrboinsn.gov</u> before starting your spearing harvest. This will help us keep our spearing activities safe and legal. All references to Fishing Regulations can be found at https://lrboi-nsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Chapter-1-Inland-Fishing-Regulations.pdf.

WALLEYE SPEARING:

Certain lake systems require spearing permits. These are designated in the Fishing Regulations as **Walleye Lake Systems** and are summarized in Table 7 of the Regulations. Since NRD can't be in the office right now, we are unable to issue spearing permits for any of these systems. Walleye spearing is still open for all other water systems, as listed above.

STEELHEAD SPEARING:

Certain river systems require spearing permits. These are designated in the Fishing Regulations as **Protected Steelhead Streams and** are described in Table 4 of the Regulations. Since NRD can't be in the office right now, we are unable to issue spearing permits for any of these streams. Steelhead spearing is still open for all other water streams, as listed above.